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1. Enrique Gil Gilbert, Ecuadoran Communist leader who arrived in Bogota, Colombia, on 12 November 1948, to carry out Roberto Morena's unfulfilled mission, lost no time in informing local newspapers that he was representing the Casa de la Cultura in Quito. He claimed that his mission was to foster closer cultural ties with Colombian cultural institutions.
2. His first two days were spent at the Hotel Granada. On 14 November he moved to the Hotel A. B. C., where he registered as a Colombian citizen proceeding from Pasto, Colombia. On 17 November he moved to the home of Jorge Fernandez, First Secretary of the Ecuadoran Embassy, where he stayed for the remainder of his visit.
3. On the morning of 17 November Gil Gilbert complained to local authorities, through the Ecuadoran Ambassador, that he had been under constant surveillance by the police and requested an explanation of this action. The Police Department pleaded innocence, but offered full protection, which he refused.  
[REDACTED] Comment. The local police and military authorities had been advised in advance by the Foreign Office of the contemplated trip of Gil Gilbert, and they had made plans for a surveillance of his activities. However, Gil Gilbert apparently contemplated such action and in several cases cleverly eluded his followers for several hours at a time.)
4. Although the XII Communist Plenum was in secret session during the entire time Gil Gilbert was in Bogota, there were no indications that he participated in any way. The only known Communist contact he had was with Filiberto Barrero, Secretary of Agitation and Propaganda for the Communist Party of Colombia.

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